



Mother Teresa

Catholic Primary School
Newsletter | Week 3 Term 2



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**“Not all of us can do great things,
but we can do small things with great love.”**

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Message From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am very pleased to share that **we currently have 46 applications for Foundation this year**. This is already more than the application we had in Foundation for the 2025 school year. I have been in conversation with MACS staff around the possibility of having three Foundation classes rather than two. This is a very exciting time for our school and clearly the change of straight Foundation classes is something our prospective families are responding positively to.

If you are a current family with a child in Foundation please ensure that you have submitted your application. If you know of a family who has a child in Foundation and is still looking for a school, please encourage them to visit our website and book a tour or submit an application for enrolment.

<https://www.motherteresa.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/enrolment-information-2/>

Mother's Day Stall and Classroom Visit

A huge thankyou to our wonderful P&F for running our Mother's Day stall over the last two days. It was not only a very successful fundraiser for the P&F but also a wonderful opportunity for our students to buy something special for their mum, grandma or mother-like figure.

**MOTHER TERESA
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**
FOUNDATION 2026 ENROLMENTS

Guided Tour with Leadership
BOOK NOW

Tuesdays 9:30am | Request a Personal Tour

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 4

Monday 12th May

- Mother's Day classroom visit and Morning tea

Tuesday 13th May

- Year 5/6 Excursion

Wednesday 14th of May

- Sustainability Victoria visit to MTPS
- Second hand uniform sales (3.00 - 3.30pm)
- Pallyan - Grade 5/6

Thursday 15th of May

- Second hand uniform sales (8.30 - 9.00am)
- Pallyan - Grade F-2

Sunday 11th of May

Mothers Day



WEEK 5

Tuesday 20th of May

- Scholastic 'Case' book Fair

Wednesday 21st of May

- Eucharist Parent workshop @7.00pm
- National Simultaneous story time

Friday 23rd of May

- Cross Country (Grade 5/6)
- DP Network (Conchita)

Just a reminder that our Mother's Day celebration will be happening on Monday with classrooms open at 8.30am with mums and special visitors invited to join their children to participate in a classroom activity. At approximately 9.30am, our mums and special visitors will be invited to a delicious brunch to be hosted in the school prayer space. **Please note that there won't be a whole school prayer on Monday morning.**

2025 School Photos

I would like to thank the families who gave us some feedback around the process for school photos in 2025. I'm very grateful for this feedback as it allowed us to share with the company things that worked for families and things that didn't so that we can improve our practice. Based on the feedback around the short timeframe for ordering and purchasing siblings photos, the photography company has agreed to come back and take sibling photos for any families who missed out. **The day for these photos will be Monday 19th of May.** We will send out communication via compass as soon as possible in regards to ordering and purchasing these photos. We do know that it will need to be done directly with the photo company rather than via compass.

Easter Fundraising Efforts

Last term we had an incredibly successful Easter fundraiser where we asked students to bring in a gold coin or an Easter item for wearing casual clothes. Our amazing P&F committee used the money and donated easter items to create outstanding Easter raffle baskets.

A huge shout out to TK MAX Craigieburn who donated some board games and other outdoor toys which were included in our bigger 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize Easter hampers. Just a reminder that we are raising money for the repairs to the school soccer pitch and refurbishment of other play spaces.



Happy Mother's Day

Finally, I would like to take a moment to honor and celebrate the incredible gift of mothers. This Sunday is Mother's Day, a special time to honor the love, strength, and selfless care of all mothers and mother figures in our lives. We are especially reminded of the words and example of our school's name sake - Saint Teresa of Calcutta, who embodied a mother's love through her deep compassion and service to the poorest of the poor. Like our Blessed Mother Mary, and like Mother Teresa, may we continue to reflect Christ's love in the way we cherish and support the mothers around us.

Wishing all our mothers and mother-like figures a joyful and blessed Mother's Day on Sunday!

God Bless,

Mrs Jess Davis

Principal




Message from the Acting Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

On your child's school report this year you will notice a change as to how Mathematics will be reported. Previously, there were separate results for the strands of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, Statistics and Probability as seen below.

Victorian Curriculum: Mathematics v.1.0 (prior to 2024)


Victorian Curriculum

Learning Area	Prev Ach	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Achievement
Mathematics							
Measurement and Geometry	6 mths ago						At Standard
Number and Algebra	6 mths ago						At Standard
Statistics and Probability	12 mths ago						At Standard

However, with the implementation of the revised Victorian Mathematics curriculum at Mother Teresa, teachers will now report against the achievement standard as a whole, providing a single, aggregated score as shown below. Also, for the June 2025 reports only, there will be no indication of progress since the last report (as shown in the example above), due to the change in reporting requirements and the altered standards for each level, within the revised curriculum.

Victorian Curriculum: Mathematics v.2.0 (2025 and beyond)

Victorian Curriculum 2.0

Learning Area	Prev Ach	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Achievement
Mathematics							At Standard

This change to the reporting of Mathematics will occur across all Catholic schools in Melbourne, as they all implement the revised Mathematics curriculum. At Mother Teresa, what we will continue to provide on the report will be an indication as to the progress your child has made in each of the specific areas of Mathematics covered for that semester. The areas covered in Mathematics curriculum v.2.0 across the year are:

Number	Algebra
Measurement	Space
Statistics	Probability (commencing at Year 3)

In addition, there will now be a comment indicating an area for future learning in Mathematics, particular to your child.

If you have any questions about the new reporting format for Mathematics, please feel free to contact me at conchita.thomas@motherteresa.catholic.edu.au

Conchita Thomas

Acting Deputy Principal & Mathematics Leader

Learning and Teaching News

Dear Parents and Carers,

At our Staff Meetings last week we continued to explore information that has come out of research into the Science of Learning. We reviewed why children seem to learn some things effortlessly — like talking, playing games, or copying adult behaviours — but need more help when it comes to reading, writing, or doing maths. That's not a coincidence! Research in the **Science of Learning** explains this difference by separating knowledge into two types:



Biologically Primary Knowledge

These are the skills most children naturally develop just by being part of the world around them. They include things like:

- Speaking and understanding their first language
- Recognising emotions and social cues
- Moving, playing, and interacting with others

Children are *wired* to pick these up without needing formal teaching. They learn them through play, observation, and daily life.



Biologically Secondary Knowledge

These are skills that are important for life in today's world — like:

- Reading and writing
- Doing maths
- Learning science or history facts

These don't come naturally. The brain has to **work harder** to learn them. Children need **structured teaching, guided practice**, and **lots of support** to make progress in these areas.



Why This Matters in School

At school, most of what children are expected to learn — especially as they get older — falls into the “secondary knowledge” category. That means learning can:

- Feel challenging or tiring at times
- Require repetition and review
- Take longer for some children than others

This is **completely normal**. Learning secondary knowledge is like building a skill — it happens step by step, with help and encouragement.



How You Can Help at Home

You don't need to be a teacher to make a big difference! Here are some simple ways to support your child's learning:

- **Talk about learning as effortful but worthwhile** — it's okay if it feels tricky at first
- **Encourage them to explain things to you** — it helps them remember
- **Read regularly** - on their own or with you
- **Celebrate progress** - and recognise that mistakes are an important part of everyone's learning.

Naomi Martret and Conchita Thomas

Literacy Leader

Acting Deputy Principal and Maths Leader

Wellbeing & Learning Diversity

Smiling Mind

As resilient self-managers, we are learning about mental fitness and this week, we are focusing on the concept of movement. Mindful movement is another way to recharge your body. By paying attention to bodily sensations while regulating movement, we can cultivate self-awareness and develop self-regulation skills.



In the Year level Weekly Happenings, there are some opportunities for you to engage in different types of activities at home.

Project Compassion Fundraising

Last term our students had a Crazy Hair day fundraiser where we raised an amazing \$360 for Project Compassion!

A huge thank you to our Mother Teresa Community for putting others needs first and showing real life 'Almsgiving' something Fr George spoke to us about during our Ash Wednesday Mass.



Parents and Friends News



The P&F Second hand uniform last term was a great success with a total of **\$730 of sales!** Thank you to all families who donated items of clothing and who also purchased uniform items.

The next second hand uniform sale will be held next **Wednesday 14th of May at 3.00pm** and **Thursday 15th of May at 8.30am.**



Sunday Gospel

John 21:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'



understanding THE GOSPEL

Gospel Focus – Eternal life

In the gospel passage, Jesus says of the sheep that belong to him, 'I give them eternal life.' He does not say, I give them the promise of eternal life. The message that comes through the gospel of John is clear that eternal life is not some future existence, but rather a new way of being in the here and now. But that is not to suggest that there is not an 'eternal' quality to eternal life. The gospel of John makes clear that eternal life begins in the here and now but has no end.



Community Sausage Sizzle Information Session

Looking to hold a sausage sizzle to fundraise for your
not-for-profit community group?

Join us for our dedicated information session. Plus,
discover other ways we can support your community
group.

Tuesday 3rd June, 2025

6:00-7:30pm

Bunnings Craigieburn

700 Hume Highway

(Café area)

Giveaways and light refreshments provided!

RSVP to Dominique (Activities Organiser) by 26/05/2025.
Call (03) 8338 3500 or email craigieburnao@bunnings.com.au

We look forward to seeing you there!

KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Year 7 2027

Applications Now Open for Greenvale and Mickleham campuses!

Attention Parents/Guardians,

Kolbe Catholic College has quickly become the top choice for families in the area! Secure your child's place for Year 7 in 2027 by submitting your application before the final deadline.

Why Apply Early? Offers follow the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) Enrolment Policy, based on selection criteria and date of application.

Don't wait - get your application in today!

Final Deadline: 15 August 2025



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